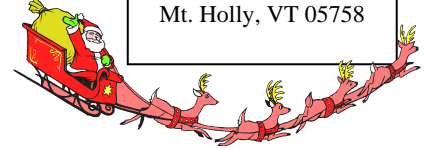


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E. Wallingford Baptist – SS 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am Evening 6:30 pm Phone 259-2831 www.ewbaptist.com

St. Patrick's Mass, Wallingford Sat 4 pm Sun 9:15 am Rev Justin Baker, Pastor & Rev James Dodson, Parochial Vicar Phone 446-2161

Annunciation Mass, Ludlow, Sat 4 pm, Sun 8 am & 11 am **Proctorsville** Sun 9:30 am, Rev. Romanus Igweonu Ph. 228-3451

Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce – Marji Graf 228-5830

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Burn Permits: Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 786-3408 or 259-2211

Transfer Site: Sat. 8 am – 2 pm & Sun. 9 am – 12 pm

Nov 27th Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford

Sat 1st **Rosa Parks Bus Boycott 1955 ~ Muzzleloader & Archery Deer Season ~ Bobcat & Fisher Trapping Season** 8:00 pm

Sun 2nd Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station 7:00 pm

V.F.W. Post #10155 meeting, Route 103, Ludlow 2:00 pm

3rd Sno*Drifter, Meeting- Jack Dougan's Garage on Straight Rd. 7:00 pm

5th Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library

AFL-CIO Founded 1955

Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School 7:00 pm

Union #39 School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School 7:00 pm

7th

Pearl Harbor Day

Sat 8th

Soviet Union Dissolved 1991

Sun 9th

Chanukah ~ Muzzleloader & Archery Deer Season Ends

10th Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building 7:00 pm

11th Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

UNICEF Founding 1946

Selectmen's meeting, Town Office 9:00 am

Fire Dept. Drill, Mt. Holly Fire Station 7:30 pm

12th Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station 7:00 pm

Mt. Holly PTC Meeting, Mt. Holly School Library 7:00 pm

Mount Holly Grange 3:00 pm

ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 7:30 pm

13th Fire Dept. Work Detail, Fire Stations Mt. Holly & Belmont 7:00 pm

Sat 15th

Alexandre Eiffel 1832 ~ Bill of Rights Day 1791

Sun 16th

Ludwig van Beethoven 1770 ~ Battle Of The Bulge Began 1944 ~ Bobcat Trapping Season Ends

1773 The Boston Tea Party

17th Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office

Operation Just Cause 1989

Wright Brother's 1st Powered Flight, Kitty Hawk, NC 1903

18th Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont

Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Stations

13th Amendment Abolishes Slavery 1865

19th Mason's Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford

Winter solstice ~ Landing Of The May Flower 1620

21st Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building

USAF Began Strikes of Laos 1964 ~ Kit Carson 1809

24th Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building

Christmas

25th ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

Kwanzaa ~ Boxing Day

26th ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont

Louis Pasteur 1822 ~ George Cayley Father Of Aerodynamics 1773

27th **Raccoon Hunting, Ruffed Grouse Gray Squirrel, Mink, Skunk, Red & Gray Fox, Coyote,**

Opossum, Weasel, Fisher Trapping Season Ends ~ Official End of WWII 1946

31st **Republic Of Panama Assumes Control Of Panama Canal 1999**

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| Mount Holly Fire Warden – Jim Seward | 786-3408 | 259-2211 | American Red Cross | 773-9159 |
| Mount Holly Rescue Squad | 775-3133 or | 911 | Game Warden – Greg Eckhardt | 802-875-2112 |
| Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza | 259-4100 | 802-786-4404 | Health Officer - Frank Bickford | 259-2885 |
| Animal Control For Mt. Holly | mhconstable@yahoo.com | 802-786-4404 | Vermont State Police | 773-9101 |

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December Anniversaries: 11th-Joe & Donna McDonald (36 Years). 27th-Dave & Carol Venter. (54 Yrs.)

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Mount Holly Community Association-November 2012

What an amazing weekend!! **Cider Days** could not have been more wonderful...despite the variable weather that ranged from beautiful sunshine to drizzling rain, huge crowds turned out to enjoy all of the pleasures of Cider Days in autumn. This fabulous event could not have taken place without the dedication and hard work of all the volunteers who organized vendors, pressed cider, made pies, oversaw the gazebo, the photo contest, and calendar sales, not to mention the legion of workers who helped make the roast beef supper run as smoothly as ever. The Board of Directors of the Mount Holly Community Association, which sponsors Cider Days weekend, cannot begin to thank everyone who participated, making this one of our most successful Cider Days. We again grossed more than the year before, making this the third year in a row that our gross receipts have gone up by several hundred dollars. We thought you might find it interesting to know that about 75 volunteers put in well over 300 hours to make this event happen. Talk about community spirit...this was truly a community event! The MHCA is thrilled with this level of participation and extends its gratitude to all who volunteered and to all who attended Cider Days 2012!

You are likely to receive this Chit Chat before the **Halloween Party**, so we wanted to remind you that it is on Friday, October 26th at 8:00 pm in the Library & Community Center Building. Gypsy Reel will once again be providing the music for this year's party, the *Zombie Prom*, so don't miss the chance to come and swing your favorite spooky character around the floor. Please join us, in costume (\$10 admission) or not (\$15 admission), for music, dancing and just plain fun. This is an adults only event and is BYOB. See you on "Fright Night", October 26th!

Membership in the MHCA is stronger than ever for this time of year, but there are still quite a few of you who have not yet sent in your membership form and fee for the 2012 - 2013 year. A reminder will be sent out shortly, so if you haven't signed up as yet, we hope you will respond quickly when you receive your notice. Please remember that all of the events we sponsor are driven

primarily by the revenue that we receive from our memberships.

Also, membership forms can always be obtained in the Library, or in the Belmont Store. Thank you!

Save-the-dates: November is a quiet month for the MHCA, but please reserve Saturday, December 15th for **Christmas in Mount Holly** and Monday, December 31st for **New Year's Eve on Star Lake**, co-sponsored with the Sno*Drifters.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the MHCA...have a very **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Editors Mistake: Is the reason this did not make the November issue as my computer crashed and I didn't double check the recovery for the article. So sorry, Diana Garrow

Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive 2012 - 2013

Please join to support...Music on the Green-Mount Holly Day-
Garden Tour-Square Dance-Cabaret-Photo Contest-Cider Days-
Roast Beef Supper-Halloween Party-Christmas in Mount Holly-
New Year's Eve at Star Lake-Spring Mud Fling

And the maintenance of our historic Community Center Building
Please join today!!

(Brochures available in the library, the General Store, and the post
office.)

Mount Holly Community Association- December 2012

This year's Halloween bash, the **Zombie Prom**, brought out some of the most creative costumes we've ever seen! The heavy make-up and outrageous hairdos made many folks positively unrecognizable and it was worth the price of admission just to see the creativity on display. Gypsy Reel kept everyone on their toes and even those on the side lines were tapping away. Many thanks to Morgan Skiathitis for organizing this event, as well as to her crew, who helped make her imagined set a reality...it was fantastic!

Halloween is all about adults, but **Christmas in Mount Holly** is all about the children. Please join us at the library on Saturday, December 15th at 4:00 pm for the annual skit, the community Christmas caroling with the Mount Holly Folk group, the traditional reading of The Night Before Christmas and, needless to say, a visit from "you know who"! Santa will be here to give out the first gifts of Christmas to the children and find out what their fondest wish for Christmas is this year. Refreshments will be served in the Community Room following the festivities. Please mark your calendars now and, whether you have young children, or if you're just young at heart, you should not miss this event. It is the warmest way to kick off the warmest season of the year...please join us!

New Year's Eve at Star Lake looks like it will be the best ever. The Sno*Drifters, who co-sponsor the event with the MHCA, promise each year that this year will be the longest fire works display in Star Lake history! And guess what? They've kept their promise every year! Last year there were over 300 people at the lake enjoying the bonfire, hot cider, and the beautiful fireworks, which lasted close to an hour. If you missed welcoming in 2012 at the lake, don't miss this year welcoming 2013...it promises to be the biggest party in town and we would love to see you all there!

It's time to renew your **MHCA Membership for 2012 - 2013**, if you have not already done so! All of the events sponsored by the Community Association (such as those described above) would not be possible without the participation of everyone in the community through our annual membership. It is our largest source of revenue to support all of the activities throughout the year. Whether you join at the individual level of \$20 or the benefactor level at \$250, your participation is crucial to the vitality of **your** Community Association! A reminder was recently sent out, but if you have misplaced your form, you can pick one up at the library or at the General Store, or contact Madeleine Fay, our membership chair, at 259-2654. Forgotten whether you've joined or not?! You can get that information from Madeleine Fay as well. Please join today and many thanks to all those who responded to our reminder letter!

YOUR FIRST CHRISTMAS CARD

T'was the month before Christmas
When all through our land,
Not a Christian was praying
Nor taking a stand.



Why the PC Police had taken away
The reason for Christmas - no one could say.
The children were told by their schools not to sing
About Shepherds and Wise Men and Angels and things.
It might hurt people's feelings, the teachers would say
December 25th is just a 'Holiday'.
Yet the shoppers were ready with cash, checks and credit
Pushing folks down to the floor just to get it!
CDs from Madonna, an X BOX, an I-Pod
Something was changing, something quite odd!
Retailers promoted Ramadan and Kwanzaa
In hopes to sell books by Franken & Fonda.
As Targets were hanging their trees upside down
At Lowe's the word Christmas - was no where to be found.
At K-Mart and Staples and Penny's and Sears
You won't hear the word Christmas;
it won't touch your ears. Inclusive, sensitive, Di-ver-si-ty
Are words that were used to intimidate me.
Now Daschle, Now Darden, Now Sharpton, Wolf Blitzen
On Boxer, on Rather, on Kerry, on Clinton!
At the top of the Senate, there arose such a clatter
To eliminate Jesus, in all public matter.
And we spoke not a word, as they took away our faith
Forbidden to speak of salvation and grace
The true Gift of Christmas was exchanged and discarded
The reason for the season, stopped before it started.
So as you celebrate 'Winter Break' under your 'Dream Tree'
Sipping your Starbucks, listen to me.
Choose your words carefully, choose what you say
Shout MERRY CHRISTMAS,
not Happy Holiday!
Please, all Christians join together and
wish everyone you meet
MERRY CHRISTMAS
Christ is The Reason' for the Christ-mas Season!



What is it that we need "saving"
some of us battle our own "Grinch" -
loneliness, hurt and broken
magnified by the Christmas season.
supposed to bring gets stolen.

The brokenness inside of us is the
first Christmas. The Bible says this
Lord has sent Me to bind up the
61:1). Jesus died an agonizing death
repair the relationship with God that
repair the damage sin has done--
done and the things that have been

This means there's hope within
If you'll put your brokenness in the
what sin has broken, you can
forgiveness. If you're longing for
know not only peace *with* God (the war can stop) but also the peace *of* God (His peace can be shared with others). The *spirit* of
Christmas is really God, the *Holy* Spirit who can take the fleeting flickers of the season and transform them into a lasting peace
and goodwill toward men 365 days a year. Now *that's* the Spirit! *A delight-filled Christmas to you, Pastor Glenn Davis*

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Family Friendly) – Monday at 7PM
Join us for a special blacklight drawing at The Village Church, Belmont

Mt. Holly Sno*Drifters

Hello Snowmobilers,

As we gear up for the winter season I just want to remind you on
December 31st we will host our 11thth Annual Fire Works display on
Star Lake in Belmont. The festivity will begin at 7:00 PM starting
with a bonfire and ice skating (let's hope the ice is frozen this year).
The firework display will go off promptly at 9:00 PM. The Mount
Holly Community Association will provide hot beverages or feel
free to bring your own. Volunteers are needed to help shovel/plow
the lake for ice skating. We are also looking for clean wood to burn
(no Christmas trees please). Donations towards the fireworks can be
sent to The MT Holly Sno*Drifters, 519 Tiffany Rd., Belmont, VT
05730. Or look for the jar at the Belmont Store.

Thanks to all those that donated baskets for our Cider Day Raffle,
once again it was a huge success. All the proceeds are for this New
Year's event.

For more information or TMA purchases please call Mary or Curt
at 259-2900 or e-mail us at MHSnowdrifters@aol.com
Have a fun, safe snowmobile season. Think Snow and do the
SNOW DANCE!!!! Mary Marechaux, Secretary

Got Spirit?

What is it that stops wars, empties bank accounts, brings
people together and saves the world? The obvious answer is...
Christmas! Yet there are many who are not entirely happy about
Christmas. Writer and speaker, Leo Buscaglia tells about being in
line behind a nice lady during the holidays who was sputtering. "I
hate Christmas," she said, "Trying to come up with gifts for all these
people and then having to get together with all those unbearable
relatives. I think Christmas should be banned!" Leo, a bit taken
back, smiled and said, "You really want to do away with the
celebration of our Savior's birth? It wasn't JESUS who told you to
go to the mall and shop 'til you drop!" This dear woman obviously
missed the entire spirit of Christmas.

So what is this "spirit of Christmas" that so often gets buried
beneath a mountain of hype gaily printed wrapping paper, red bows
and mistletoe? *The Gift*, God in flesh, born of the Virgin Mary,
entered the world with a purpose. Joseph, the step dad, was
instructed to call His name Jesus ("the Lord saves") "because He
will save His people from their sins."

from? Well, unfortunately,
-the fear of dying, a lot of
relationships that just seem
The joy that Christmas is

reason why Jesus came that
about Jesus' mission: "The
brokenhearted..." (Isaiah
on a Roman crossbeam to
our rebellion broke...and to
both hurtful things you've
done to you.

reach for you this Christmas.
hands of the Savior who fixes
experience healing and
peace this Christmas you can



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Squeaky Clean ~ Thanks to the cleaning crew of volunteers consisting of Nancy Connor, Susan Presson, Cathy Reed, Kathy Mitchell and Barbara Pallotta the library got a good fall cleaning. Additional thanks to Kathy Mitchell for our lovely new oriental carpet. We do look quite spiffy now. Mount Holly is fortunate to have this warm and welcoming library that so many volunteers and community members have, through time and energy, created for our town. Why not stop in and see all that we have to offer!

Middle East Study Group ~ The MESG had an organizational meeting on November 15th and selected "A Peace to End all Peace" by David Fromkin as the first book they would read. This book appealed to the group because it gives a wider view of the region as opposed to one specific country. We are meeting for our first book discussion on December 13th at 6 pm in the library. You are still welcome to join the group and if you would like to purchase the book we can order it for you at the library's reduced cost. Stop in and let us know or email Susan Presson (tiffarm@aol.com) if you would like to join us and/or purchase the book. We are hoping to also see some movies and take advantage of some lectures on the subject around the state. We are looking forward to gaining some perspective and knowledge on this region that is sending waves of influence all over the world.

"Song of the Vikings" by Nancy Marie Brown ~

Thanks to the Book Nook in Ludlow for co-sponsoring the author event on November 7th with Vermont author Nancy Marie Brown. It was a fascinating evening with Ms. Brown reading excerpts from her book and explaining the history of mythology. She has spent her life studying and researching Nordic Mythology. Her vast knowledge of mythology in general with a concentration on the history of Iceland and Scandinavia was very interesting. The library added the book to the collection and it is already circulating.

Buy Local Raffle ~ Don't forget to stop in and purchase a raffle ticket for the lovely afghan created by Joan Bradley or one of two baskets filled with gift certificates donated by local businesses, craftspeople and artisans.. The drawing for the raffle will take place at the MHCA Christmas Party on December 15th.

End of Another Year ~ This being the last Chit Chat before 2013 it is fitting that we think about how far we have come and give thanks for the support of our community. In 1913 C.W. Parmenter donated 277 volumes to establish a library in Mt. Holly and we hope that if he could see us today he would be pleased that what he started has flourished. In 1929 librarians Ara Armstrong (Barton) and her Mother Miriam Armstrong established a policy of circulating books to the 8 little school houses dotted around the town of Mt. Holly. Circulation was so successful that the North Village District and the Healdville District was formed with library assistants helping to keep track of the books. The circulation of books skyrocketed during this period and established a pattern of town-wide usage and borrowing that continues today. Libraries now do so much more than they did back in the early 1920's. All over our nation libraries have become the living rooms of communities, the source of entertainment, community gatherings, as well as the place for learning and exploring technology. They are not just a place to check a book but a provider of services that are always evolving and changing with the needs of the community and world. Thanks to the countless people who have given so much over the years to continue to provide a library to Mount Holly. My thanks to the loyal volunteers and my best wishes for all Mt. Holly families and friends for a joyous Holiday season and a Happy & Healthy New Year!

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Congratulations to the photographers whose photos will be in the 2014 Mount Holly Calendar. It's the first time we've had a repeat photographer for the cover photo - congratulations to Jacob Mailhiot for having the cover photo two years in a row! As most of you noticed, this year we saw an unusual number of butterflies in our gardens and so it was no surprise that there were more butterfly photos in the contest than ever before. Two of the butterfly photos will appear in the 2014 calendar. You'll also notice several members of different families are in the calendar too. It's great to see the photo contest becoming a family affair - with some good old fashioned competition to see who will make it in this year. We hope to see more families participating in the future.

It's not too early to start taking photos for the 2013 Photo Contest. Next year we are adding two new categories to the photo contest: Mount Holly - A look to the Past: Photos from more than 20 years ago (we especially welcome black and white photos) and People of Mount Holly. And, of course, we continue to welcome all of your "no-theme" photos!

2014 Mount Holly Calendar



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By Luke DeArruda



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By Susan Covalla

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Daffodils Sunnyside Up
By Kristopher Covalla





May: Waiting By Randy Paz



June: Swallowtail Resting on Iris
By Pat LaBella



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By Karen Leonard



August: Old Times Returned
By Mary Leonard



September: Star Lake Tranquility
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prescription drugs recently. Abuse of prescription drugs is defined as taking medication that requires a prescription without having your own prescription for that medication. Many breaking and entering crimes are driven by the need for cash to buy highly addictive painkillers or the hope of finding such drugs in homes.

If you have a prescribed narcotic or pain killer, keep it in a locked place in your home and keep track of how many you have.

Don't overlook the fact that children, grandchildren or another loved one may be looking in your medicine cabinet or kitchen for such prescriptions. Make it difficult for them to find your medications by locking them up, putting them in an unsuspecting place, and getting rid of pills that are expired or you no longer need. The recommended way to get rid of them is to take them to an authorized Take Back Day, in April or September. For more information about prescription drug abuse, contact BRACC at 228-7878.

**Chit Chat Deadline
For January Issue
Is Wednesday
December 19th at 6 pm**

December 2012 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.

Zumba is back in Mount Holly with Brigid Faenza

Wednesday afternoons at 5:30pm in the Mount Holly School Gym. Seven sessions beginning **November 7th**, and continuing **until December 19th**.

The first session is free, so bring your friends for some dancing and fun. Haven't tried Zumba yet? This is your opportunity to give it a try for free. The remaining six sessions will cost \$45.00 or \$10.00 for drop ins. Please bring a water bottle. Brigid will still be doing classes at the Jackson Gore Spring House on Wednesday & Friday mornings at 8AM. For more information please call 259-4100 or email bakerbrigid@vermontel.net.

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BRACC UPDATE: Prescription Drug Abuse Warning

Vermont has experienced an upturn in abuse of

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Amber and Will look forward to seeing you in November at Hunter Lea Gallery and Frameshop, located at 119 Main Street in Ludlow, VT. They will be open 10-5 M-F (closed Wednesday), 10-6 Saturday and 10-4 on Sunday.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Forty-one Mount Holly residents gathered recently at the Mount Holly School to discuss recent crime trends in town. Lt Charles Cacciatore, of the Vermont State Police and First Constable Paul Faenza led the discussions. Lt Cacciatore, who is the Commander of the Rutland County Barracks, provided the latest crime statistics, and the results of pro-active patrols. Other than a concentrated spike in daytime burglaries during mid-October, reported crime in our community is at normal levels. The State Police has increased their patrols in the area, initially targeting speeders on Rt. 155, and now conducting directed patrols throughout the town.

Both Constable Faenza and Lt. Cacciatore spoke in detail about reporting suspicious activity, whether it is a vehicle or person, reminding folks that prompt reporting to the State Police and/or the Constable is important. When making observations try and jot down information on a piece of paper, paying attention to plate numbers, colors, doors, unusual markings, clothing descriptions, etc. Constable Faenza recommends that residents contact neighbors prior to going on vacation, have a reliable key holder, and secure

prescription

medication. If installing an alarm, make sure there is a loud audible alert.

Lt Cacciatore answered questions regarding reacting to the presence of an intruder at your home. He stressed that safety is paramount, and asked folks to leave the house if possible, and call 911. Both Lt. Cacciatore and Constable Faenza shared their past experiences in investigating and responding to property crimes. Cooperation between the State Police and the Mount Holly Constabulary will now be enhanced by the formation of this newly formed Neighborhood Watch program. The Newsflash will be utilized to alert residents of important updates. Constable Faenza will also notify Neighborhood Watch members via email as

information becomes available.

As a result of this initial meeting, several attendees recommended exploring the installation of Neighborhood Watch signs around town. Anyone interested in joining is asked to send an email with your name and phone number to Constable Faenza: mhconstable@yahoo.com.

Lt. Cacciatore can be reached at (802) 773-9101 Constable Faenza (802) 786-4404 pager/24 hrs.

There Is Still Time Left To Take Up This Offer

During the month of November, Hunter Lea Gallery and Frameshop will be donating 10% of sales to the Mount Holly Elementary School Girls on the Run program.

As stated on their website, "Girls on the Run is a transformational learning program for 8 to 13 year-old girls. We teach life skills through dynamic, conversation-based lessons and running games. The program culminates with the girls being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5k running event. The goal of the program is to unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness."

Amber Nye, co-owner of the gallery, will be a coach this year for the 3rd-6th grade program and believes that this is a very important program to be involved with. She is looking forward to coaching and learning with the girls, and hopefully completing the 5K at the end.

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LAKE NINEVAH GETS CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH

Lake Ninevah in Mount Holly has received a clean bill health again this year, the Ninevah Foundation announced today. The Foundation's recent annual fall survey of the lake, conducted by specialized scuba divers, found no evidence of Eurasian watermilfoil, an invasive plant that has plagued many Vermont lakes.

"Keeping Lake Ninevah healthy has been a combined effort of local citizens, the Department of Environmental Conservation and the town of Mount Holly," said Betsey McGee, President of the Ninevah Foundation and a longtime homeowner on the lake. "When we recognized the risk of invasive plants, like milfoil, we started working together to keep the lake clean."

Lake Ninevah is a shallow, high-elevation lake that is home to a wide array of wildlife, including loons, moose, bald eagles and beavers. Up to 3,000 people enjoy the lake each summer, most in kayaks, canoes and small fishing boats. The Ninevah Foundation is a small local conservation organization that works to preserve the lake's water quality and conserves more than 3,000 acres of surrounding land.

Eurasian watermilfoil, which can choke out native plants and ruin a lake for recreational use, was discovered in Lake Ninevah in 2000. The Ninevah Foundation quickly launched a program to eliminate the weed, employing scuba divers twice a year to hand-pull plants and check for re-growth. By 2005, Lake Ninevah was free of milfoil – making it one of only five Vermont lakes to eradicate the plant.

Two years ago, the lake suffered a small re-infestation, and once again the eradication effort was successful. "After we found milfoil in 2010, we had to increase our hours and time surveying," said Chris Sheldon, owner of AE Diving. "And we've been successful – in the last two seasons, we've found no new plants."

Both state and local government have been active partners in the effort to keep Lake Ninevah free of Eurasian watermilfoil. Several years of grant funding from the Agency of Natural Resources for aquatic nuisance monitoring has supported nearly 1,400 hours of annual monitoring at the state fishing access, where boats are checked before entering the water.

"The Ninevah Foundation has worked with the town," said Paul Nevin, Select Board Chairman for the Town of Mount Holly. "We co-write a grant each year to the Department of Environmental Conservation, so that we can hire the fishing access monitors, as well as get divers under the water each year to pull any new invasives."

"This program costs about \$30,000 a year to operate," said McGee of the Ninevah Foundation. "We are so grateful for the state's grant funding and generous support from donors, and we count on continuing contributions to ensure that from 2012 on, Lake Ninevah remains milfoil-free."

As part of its mission to conserve the lake and surrounding land for public benefit, the Ninevah Foundation practices sustainable forestry and works with summer camps in the area. The Foundation also sponsors free public wildlife workshops each summer at the Mount Holly Library, in conjunction with other community organizations.

For more information, please visit www.ninevahfoundation.org or contact Mauri Small at (914) 548-7698 or mauri.small@gmail.com.

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Dear Editor

All the Justice's of Peace that were elected would like to thank the Mount Holly Community for their support in the November 6th, election and we look forward to serving you. The following were elected to serve a two year term: Diana Garrow with 463 votes, Brigid Faenza with 396 votes, David Johnson with 389 votes, Millicent Johnson with 384 votes, Dan Connor with 342 votes, Brigid Sullivan with 326 votes and Dottie Finnerty with 312 votes. We have 962 registered voters in the town of Mount Holly of which 758 turned out to vote that is about 79%. I fantastic turn out. Thanks again.

Thanks To The Voters Of Mount Holly

Election Day has come and gone, and with it, my first time campaign

experience is now but a memory. I wish to thank the hundreds, if not thousands, of good-natured Windsor County residents who were willing to engage me in dialog about the future of our beloved State, in particular the many residents of Mount Holly who favored me with one of their votes on Election Day. For me, it was both a pleasure and a privilege to be part of the electoral process, and to have become acquainted with so many of you. Thank you very much, Dick Tracy, Sharon, Vermont

Letter to the editor,

I thank the many people that took the time to vote in the recent election. We know that every vote counts and I appreciate the support I received during my campaign to represent our new district that now includes the Town of Shrewsbury. I take your trust in me seriously, and consider it a privilege to be your voice in Montpelier.

I know that Eldred French campaigned hard to introduce himself to many voters in our new district. I hope he stays engaged on the issues that are important to him.

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This January we face concerns about the funding for the replacement of our State Hospital. There are still many questions about the FEMA money.

The looming federal cuts will no doubt

force us to take a hard look at many programs. It seems our discussion over health care will continue, but it is my understanding that a vote to implement our own system will not take place in this upcoming session.

I plan to provide periodic updates on our legislative work starting the end of January. Please forward me your contact information to be added to the distribution list. I hope you will message me at ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us or 802-259-2460 with your questions, suggestions, or concerns. Sincerely, Rep. Dennis Devereux

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"The following minutes are considered 'draft' until approved, scheduled for the next Select Board meeting, October 9th, 2012."

SELECT BOARD - November 13, 2012 ~ Paul Nevin, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Raymond Tarbell and Jim Heald were present.

1. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 09, 2012 were reviewed. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes were approved.
2. Highways

- Paving Grant. The town received the maximum amount from the state, \$175,000, slightly more than was expected.
- FEMA Update. No work back from the State on the extensions requested. Another meeting was held in Rutland on Friday, November 09. The meeting was about FEMA audit preparation, use of the Emmie system to track project worksheets, project closeouts, appeals, improved and alternate projects. The State is looking for information on problem PWs, i.e., bridge and culvert projects that have run into the FEMA/ANR/VTrans standards issues, where FEMA will only pay for work to the VTrans standards and ANR will only provide permits for their (higher, more expensive) standards. The Town has two such projects. After discussion, the Board

HEADS UP!

The Select Board will hold a town-wide meeting to discuss the Town Garage on Wednesday, January 09, 2013 at 7pm. The official notice will be published in the Rutland Herald in December and a reminder notice like this will be in the January Chit Chat.

THANK YOU FROM THE SELECT BOARD

The Select Board would like to express their appreciation to Steve Howard and Peter Smith for their service on behalf of the town while serving on the Planning Commission.

Small towns like Mount Holly depend on the willingness and commitment of its residents to serve the town in many capacities, and their efforts are not always recognized or appreciated.

Steve and Peter have demonstrated this willingness for many years. The Town is grateful for their work

decided that we should push back on ANR to permit the projects as written before deciding whether to apply for an improved project. Jeff will contact Tyler at Otter Creek Engineering for his thoughts and assistance on this.

- Narrowband radio grant payment has been received, \$5450.
- The Board set the date of January 09, 2013 for a town meeting to present information on the Town Garage. The meeting will be posted in the Herald in December as required.
- J. Brown water system. Some time ago, the town installed water pipes from the well behind garage area to provide water to the rescue squad building and the Harlow and Brown residences. The Harlow house has had the water shut off inside and it has affected the Brown residence. The Board felt since this is a town system, the town should take charge of

work to install a shutoff outside the Harlow house. Jeff will coordinate this.

- Loader repair work approved last month was completed today. Also the grader has had the wing installed. There is an extended warranty available for the grader; information and costs have been requested.
3. Report of Treasurer.
 - David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated October 31, 2012 showing cash balances of \$3,470,074. Not reflected in that amount is the \$175,000 paving grant from the State and additional property taxes of \$224,000 which came in the first few days of November.
 - The solid waste expenses have been broken out in more detailed accounts to track expenses pre-and post-zero sort. So far, the zero-sort has not provided income to the Town, in part because the value of recyclables has decreased. The Town still expects costs to be less as we are not hauling the trash compactor as often, the tonnage should be lower and there are only two attendants now.
 - Asset Equipment Fund. The grader purchase utilized money from this fund to make the first payment up front (will save some interest costs overall). In response to David's question, the Board decided to treat this as a loan from the fund, which will be paid back. The funding for this, as well as the funding of the grader replacement fund, will be discussed as part of the upcoming budget process.
 4. External Audit
 - David reported that the auditor spent most of one day here so far, including reviewing procedures for the accounting (Selectmen's orders, etc.) He left with a copy of the QuickBooks file and will be developing a checklist of items for which he will review all related physical evidence. He is expected back next week and will be looking at the rescue squad and fire dept. information. The Rescue Squad and Fire Dept. have asked if the Town will be covering the costs of their audits, as in the past. The audit proposal cost did not break out their costs separately. The Board asked David to have the auditor track his time/costs for the three pieces separately and may consider asking for some payment from the two groups. The Board did note that the 990 filings should be paid by the two organizations.
 5. Solid Waste:
 - Disposition of Containers. – The two town-owned containers are at the transfer station and have been used as overflow for the zero-sort once. The town will keep them up there for that purpose as long as practicable
 - The Transfer Station price list review is postponed again. This is mainly to update for the electronics pricing, as much of that is now free.
 - C. Woolley noted that the trash compactor is being hauled every two weeks (4 transfer station days), and the zero-sort hauled about four weeks (8 days). There is still some confusion on Casella's part, sometimes hauling the wrong container when called.
 6. Planning Commission
 - Two members of the commission have terms expiring in November. Paul Nevin recused himself from this discussion and vote and turned the chair over to Jim Heald.

- The town received an email from Steve Howard, stating he was not able to consider reappointment at this time. He thanked the town for allowing him to serve and thanked his fellow planning commission members for their service.
- The town received two letters of interest, one from Paul Nevin and one from Clinton Woolley. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To appoint Paul Nevin and Clinton Woolley to three year terms on the Planning Commission, expiring November 2015.

- Paul Nevin noted that he was planning to step down from the Select Board in March and before submitting his letter of interest, he had confirmed with VLCT that a Selectman could also be a member of the Planning Commission. Jim Heald turned the chair back to Paul.
7. Insurance
The health insurance coverage for town employees is up for renewal, which also provides an opportunity to change plans. Plans with lower premiums have higher deductibles, which could be subsidized by the town. Another concern would be different provider networks, resulting in providers used by employees not being covered. The Board directed Rhonda to pursue other plan options for review by the Board. A plan change or renewal must be completed by December 01.
8. Other Business
- The Town Office building will be having some energy improvements being made this weekend, such as insulation installation. This will be paid for using the award money from the NeighborWorks energy improvement contest, which the town won, thanks to its residents.
 - Correspondence received:
 - Act 250 application notice – Timber Creek at Okemo (a 208-unit planned community)
 - Act 250 permit application regarding relocation/construction of a GMP line on Russellville Rd and Frank Lord Rd
 - C. Prescott asked if there was any follow up on the process issues she brought up at last month's meeting. She stated that her attorney has not heard from the town attorney. Paul Nevin will call the town attorney again.
9. The Board reviewed and signed the October orders for payment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVES SUBDIVISION OF SCHOOL LAND - WITH CONDITIONS

At a special meeting on October 8, 2012 the Mount Holly Planning Commission approved - with conditions - an application by the Mount Holly School Board for a subdivision of its current 13.3 acre lot into two parcels: The existing lot has the Mount Holly Elementary School Building, parking lot, athletic fields, and curtilage. The lot to be subdivided currently has the Town of Mount Holly's salt shed and a nature trail. The Subdivider, in conjunction with the Town of Mount Holly, is proposing construction of a town garage, pole barn, and a shed for two wood fired furnaces.

Based upon the evidence and public comments provided at a hearing on September 6, 2012 and records available in the Mount Holly Town Office, the Planning Commission determined that certain conditions needed to be met for the subdivision to be in conformance with the Subdivision Regulations of the Town of Mount Holly and the Mount Holly Town Plan. The conditions are:

- 1) That the Subdivider submit for recordation (in the Town's land records) a single mylar with all of the required elements as found in the checklist from the Mount Holly Subdivision Regulations, including but not limited to contour lines provided for therewith.
- 2) That the Subdivider in conjunction with the Town of Mount Holly conduct an analysis of the impact this subdivision will have on traffic flow and safety along School Street. This analysis will be performed by someone recommended or provided by the Department of Transportation or Regional Transportation Council and who has expertise in such issues. This study will be submitted to the Town in writing.
- 3) That the Subdivider in conjunction with the Town of Mount Holly conduct an analysis of future school needs, both in enrollment and space requirements, and what impact this subdivision may have on them. This

analysis will be performed by someone recommended by the Vermont Department of Education and who has expertise in such issues. This study will be submitted to the Town in writing.

- 4) That the Select Board of the Town of Mount Holly perform at least two public meetings to inform the public of its plans and take public comments regarding the same. The first of these meetings should occur within 21 days of the issuance of the two written reports noted



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above. The second hearing should be held within two weeks of any vote by the Town regarding the issue of whether a Town Garage will be built on the site in question or would authorize the financing of the same. Warning for these public meeting should conform with the requirements of notice to any public hearing, with the inclusion of an additional condition that the Town notify the public of this hearing in three publications of general distribution.

5) That no construction should begin on this subdivided lot until these conditions are met.

It should be noted that the Commission by this approval of the subdivision does in no way endorses nor rejects the proposed building of a town garage in this location. It is up to the people of Mount Holly to determine what is the most appropriate use of this land once this subdivision has occurred.

Copies of the complete decision are available in the Town Office

Mount Holly Town Auditors Request

Mount Holly Town Auditors are requesting of all organizations who submit articles and or budgets for the Mount Holly Town Report to have your articles typed single spaced and mailed or dropped off or e-mailed to: mtthollyauditors@vermontel.net to the Town Office no later than **January 3, 2013**. All articles mail to the Town Office at the following address: Mount Holly Town Office, Attn: Auditors, P.O. Box 248, Mt. Holly, VT 05758 If you have any pictures of your organization or the Town of MT. Holly that have occurred in town this past year and wish to have them included in the Town Report, please send them to us for our consideration. We can scan the photo and return it to you. For more information, call the town office and leave a message for one of the Auditors. Thank You, The Mount Holly Town Auditors

Rutland County Sheriff's New Location

The Rutland County Sheriff's Department hosted an open house and RRCC ribbon cutting at their new location, 88 Grove St. in Rutland on November 9th.

Members of the Rutland County Sheriff's Department cut the ribbon along with Tom Donahue, EVP/CEO, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce; Penny Bride, Rutland County Sheriff's Department; Rutland City Board of Alderman President, Dave Allaire; Rutland County Sheriff Stephen Benard, Rutland City Alderman William Notte; RRCC Board Members Jay Morel and Jerry Hansen.



BRGNS Stuff a Bus Date Is Set

Before we know it the holiday season will be upon us. It is a time of year that marks significant need in our communities. This is a very busy time for Black River Good Neighbor Services, as this non-profit local organization prepares to deliver gifts and a full holiday dinner complete with turkeys and all the fixings to those in need. It is estimated that over 160 families from the immediate and surrounding towns will be helped this holiday season

To help make this possible there is a planned "Stuff A Bus" on Saturday December 1st. This important food drive will take place at the Shaw's shopping center parking lot in Ludlow from 9am until 3pm.

The following items are the foods most needed:

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| Canned Fruit | Canned Cranberry Sauce | Pickles – Olives |
| Mac & Cheese | Hot Chocolate | Cookies |
| Tea | Cereal (Oatmeal) | Candy |
| Carrots/Peas | Gravy | Stuffing |
| Margarine | Corn | Green Beans |
| Yams | Coffee | Frozen Turkeys |



If you are not a shopper, donations of money are always needed and greatly appreciated.

There are many ways to get involved with this year's efforts. Volunteers are needed to sort food as it comes in and countless other tasks are required to make sure that everyone who needs help this winter gets it. Please call Audrey at the Thrift Store, 228-3663 or visit 37B Main Street to ask how you can get involved.

The staff at Black River Good Neighbors thanks you for your continued generous support. Every contribution makes a difference.

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The Vermont Symphony Orchestra will present of three Holiday Pops and five Brass Quintet and Counterpoint concerts in December, bringing tidings of joy to communities around the state.

The VSO Chorus joins the Orchestra to ring in the season, with Robert De Cormier and Dawn Willis conducting. The program includes a Swedish carol, selections from *Messiah*, pieces that highlight brass and percussion, a lighthearted new work by a teenage composer, two sleigh rides, a sing-along, wonderful De Cormier arrangements, and a salute to Woody Guthrie.



The teenage composer, Jacob Morton-Black, is a senior at Colchester High School and takes music courses at the University of Vermont. He has won numerous awards for his compositions. In addition to composing, he plays the French horn, and performs with the Vermont Youth Orchestra, the University of Vermont Orchestra and the University of Vermont Wind Ensemble. Morton-Black is also a member of the VYO Brass Quartet and co-founded the Colchester Community Concert Band. The VSO will premiere his composition "Danse Slav et Valse."

Holiday Pops performances are Friday, December 7, 7:30 pm at the Barre Opera House; Saturday, December 8, 7:30 pm at the Flynn Center in Burlington; and Sunday, December 9, 3:00 pm at the Paramount Theatre in Rutland

(the first of the three-concert Sunday Matinee Series.)

The VSO Brass Quintet and Counterpoint concerts combine brilliant brass and shining voices in intimate village settings. Counterpoint's new director, Nathaniel G. Lew, has collaborated with the VSO Brass Quintet to choose a festive program that ranges from the medieval to



the modern and includes Leroy Anderson's Christmas Festival, the Canadian Brass's bravura arrangement of The Twelve Days of Christmas, Bizet's March of the Kings, and—of course—some traditional carols.

Again this year, holiday audiences may also enjoy VSO music at home, on CD. The

"Christmas in Vermont," CD featuring the VSO Brass Quintet and Counterpoint, presents a captivating blend of rarely heard gems and seasonal favorites. The VSO's first commercial orchestral CD, "Triple Doubles," featuring three double concertos written for violinist Jaime Laredo and cellist Sharon Robinson, is also available. Both recordings will be sold at these concerts, through the VSO office, and on the VSO website.

Join the VSO for festive celebrations you'll remember throughout the holiday season. For tickets or additional information, please call (800) VSO-9293, ext. 10, or visit www.vso.org.

BRAM Walkers "Brave" the Beautiful Weather

Black River Academy Museum (BRAM) sponsored its semi-annual 5K Walk for Local History this past weekend. Due to the very rainy weather and fog the preceding day, the turnout for the walk was less than normal. But, according to walk coordinator Sharon Combes-Farr, "Our core walkers showed up, we had a great walk, and everyone enjoyed the beautiful day walking through the town". And while the numbers turning out for the walk may have less than usual, "the spirit of those participating in this fall's walk for local history was extremely high and gratifying". The first male finisher, Scott Stearns, and the first female finisher, Linda Potter, received prizes from BRAM. All the walker were treated to the wonderful experience of a robust walk.





Ludlow Rotary In Drive to Help Sandy Victims

Ludlow Rotary along with other clubs in Rotary District 7870 is organizing a quick relief collection of needed supplies for our friends along the eastern seaboard most affected by Hurricane Sandy last week. Many Rotary clubs throughout the nation and even from across the world helped VT & NH after Tropical Storm Irene last summer and now we want to help those in need.

Donations of new or gently loved materials (see list below) will be accepted **until Friday Nov 23rd** at the following locations **Benson's Chevrolet, Fletcher Memorial Library and Ludlow Insurance Agency.**

If you would prefer to send a check- please make it payable to **Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund** (a 501 (c) 3 corporation) and mail it to **P.O.Box 216 Ludlow, VT 05149-0216 Before 11-23-12.**

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Items being collected by Ludlow Rotary Club: Clothing, Underwear, Socks, Blankets, Cleaning supplies, Non-electric Toys for kids, Batteries (all sizes), Non-perishable foods, Sweat pants, Sweatshirts, Sweaters, Fleece items, Grooming supplies, Towels and Bed Linens. Any questions can be directed to Jill Tofferi, Kim Lampert or Sharon Bixby at the respective drop off sites.

BRAM Readies Grounds for Vermont Winter

Following its customary tradition, members and friends of Black River Academy Museum (BRAM) gathered this past weekend to rake the museum property in preparation for the coming winter. Pictured above are the participants in the fall clean-up efforts. Those manning the rakes and other clean-up tools included: from left to right, front: Natasha Fortin, David Hoeh, Wilder (dog) Anita Alic; rear: Linda Tucker, Georgia Brehm, Joyce Washburn, Sheri Fortin, Jim Alic, Harold Welch and Caye Ellison. As a reward for their efforts, all participants were rewarded for their hard work with warm cider and donuts.



"Shane" - the Great Western, Next '1st Thursday' Movie, Dec. 6

The final '1st Thursday' film of 2012 will be the award winning Western, *Shane*, on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 7 PM at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium. A preview of this classic film is available on FOLA's web site, www.fola.us.

Shane is a 1953 American Western film from Paramount. It was produced and directed by George Stevens from a screenplay by A. B. Guthrie, Jr., based on the 1949 novel of the same name by Jack Schaefer. Its Oscar-winning cinematography was by Loyal Griggs. The film stars Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur (in her last film after a thirty-year career) and Van Heflin, and features Brandon deWilde, Elisha Cook, Jr., Jack Palance and Ben Johnson.

Shane was listed #45 in the 2007 edition of AFI's 100 Years...100 Movies list and #3 on AFI's 10 Top 10 in the category Western.

The simple story of a Wyoming range war is elevated to near-mythical status in producer/director George Stevens' Western classic *Shane*. Alan Ladd plays the title character, a



mysterious drifter who rides into a tiny homesteading community and accepts the hospitality of a farming family. Patriarch Joe Starrett (Van Heflin) is impressed by the way Shane handles himself when facing down the hostile minions of land baron Emile Meyer, though he has trouble placing his complete trust in the stranger, as his Marion (Jean Arthur) is attracted to Shane in spite of herself, and his son Joey (Brandon De Wilde) flat-out idolizes Shane. When the area cattle baron is unable to drive off the homesteaders by sheer brute strength, he engages the services of black-clad, wholly evil hired gun Jack Wilson (Jack Palance).

The film is open to everyone and is free; donations are appreciated. For information, call 228-7239 or www.fola.us.



Ron Hance Name 2012 Business Person of the Year!



The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce held their 114th Annual Meeting on October 24th. Ron Hance, President/CEO, Heritage Family Credit Union was named at the 2012 Business Person of the Year. In his remarks RRCC EVP/CEO Tom Donahue noted Mr. Hance started his career with Heritage Family Credit Union (formerly GE Credit Union) in 1967 serving on the Board of Directors and various committees, in 1978 he became President/CEO when the company had \$2M in assets and three employees working out of a small rented office space. Under Hance's leadership the credit union has grown to nine branches with 130 employees and \$331M in assets and is currently building a \$10m, 27,000 sq ft Operations Center on Allen St. Hance was joined by his wife Marsha on the stage along with Tom

Donahue, RRCC EVP/CEO; Mayor Chris Louras; Congressman Peter Welch and RRCC President Marleen Cenate. In his remarks Hance said he was overwhelmed with the honor and noted that he did not do it being part of my village."

Other highlights of the meeting attended by 200 people included an overview of the Chamber's accomplishments over the past year and goals looking forward. The meeting featured U.S. Congressman Peter Welch as the Keynote Speaker.

Boss Office Works opens in Killington, VT

The ribbon is cut at the celebration of the opening of Boss Office Works located at 2046 Route 4 in Killington, next to the Killington Post Office. Boss Office Works is a one stop shop for all of your printing, graphic design



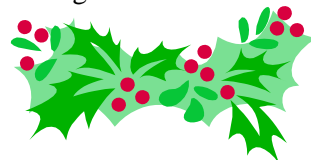
Songs In December

The month was December in Mt. Holly
In fact the 23rd. In stead of the beautiful
white flakes -
We were getting drowned in cold rain,
What to my wondering eyes appeared??
Five vehicles, sliding around--
They came to a stop, and so many got out
At first I wondered what's this about??
Come in I said
Oh, no we're to wet, so they gathered on my
porch and steps
From little ones - teens and older (won't give ages)The
music that came from their throats
Made me know that the ones up above heard
The songs of Love to the Savior
As well as I did here below
Thank you all for your yearly treat.
Kathy Wade



and web design needs. Including post cards, business cards, flyers, brochures, poster and full web sites.

Left to right: Tom Donahue, EVP/CEO Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce, Jim Haff, Killington Select Board, Vincent Chiarella, owner, Carla Meola, owner, Steve Selbo, President SP Land, Joan Hill, Director of Membership Development, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce



Twas The Night Before Christmas



Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads. And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below. When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tinny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!

"Now Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! On, Cupid! on, on Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky. So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of Toys, and St Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot. A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.

His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath. He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself! A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk. And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose!

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"



Clement Clarke Moore Miniature Biography

Clement Clarke Moore (1799 - 1863) came from a prominent family and his father Benjamin Moore was the Bishop of New York who was famous for officiating at the inauguration of George Washington. The tradition of reading Twas the night before Christmas poem on Christmas Eve is now a Worldwide institution and tradition.

Clement Clarke Moore (1779 - 1863) wrote the poem Twas the night before Christmas also called "A Visit from St. Nicholas" in 1822. It is now the tradition in many American families to read the poem every Christmas Eve. The poem 'Twas the night

before Christmas' has redefined our image of Christmas and Santa Claus. Prior to the creation of the story of 'Twas the night before Christmas' St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, had never been associated with a sleigh or reindeers!

Clement Moore, the author of the poem Twas the night before Christmas, was a reticent man and it is believed that a family friend, Miss H. Butler, sent a copy of the poem to the New York Sentinel who published the poem. The condition of publication was that the author of Twas the night before Christmas was to remain anonymous.

The first publication date was 23rd December 1823 and it was an immediate success. It was not until 1844 that Clement Clarke Moore claimed ownership when the work was included in a book of his poetry.





You Are Invited!

Festival of Lights

Saturday
December 1st
6pm

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Winter Store Hours
Sunday: 8AM - 7PM
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We wish everyone a very merry Christmas!

Have you seen our Winter Okemo Valley Regional Guidebooks yet? If not, please stop by the Chamber office or pick one up at local businesses throughout the Okemo Valley. **NEW THIS YEAR** - 2013 Okemo Valley Calendars and postcards from our online photo contest. Please submit your photos every month to be eligible to win prizes. We will pick a winner each month beginning in December 2012. Enter at: <http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com/okemo-valley-photo-contest/>

I would like to thank the Jackson Gore Inn for hosting our November Chamber mixer. All attendees learned about all the new features and snowmaking at Okemo Mountain Resort this year and had the opportunity to network with 75 fellow member businesses.

December is packed with celebrations in our Okemo Valley. Please check our calendar of events page on our website for all upcoming events, dates and times: www.yourplaceinvermont.com

Saturday's 9am-1pm Ludlow Farmers Market (corner of Main Street & Andover St)

December 1-8 Overture to Christmas in Chester

December 1 An Old Fashioned Christmas in Weston

December 1 Festival of Lights fundraiser for Mount Holly Community Historical Museum at Jackson Gore Inn

December 3 Vermont Institute of Contemporary Arts (VTICA) Annual Meeting and Holiday Open House in Chester

December 12 Okemo Valley Annual Meeting and Holiday Party at Echo Lake Inn. Our guest speaker is Commissioner of Tourism & Marketing, Megan Smith.

December 15 Christmas in Mount Holly

December 31 Okemo's Family New Years Eve Party and New Years Eve Party at Star Lake in Mount Holly

Mark your 2013 calendars:

January 10th at 8:30a Healthcare Informational Seminar at The Pointe Conference Room.

April 6 & 7 Home & Garden Show in Ludlow Community Center in Ludlow.

2012 OVRCC Marketing Accomplishments

1. Developed online co-ops to go along with our existing print co-ops.
2. Invested in SEO along with a newly designed website
3. Invested in Social media marketing and incorporated our blog on site
4. Moved our mobile app from Invictus to Route802.biz
5. Continued our attendance at trade shows in Boston, NY, MA and Okemo Bridal Show
6. Introduced an interactive 2013 calendar/web contest.
7. Produced 2013 Okemo Valley calendar and postcards from winning entries
8. Putting up Scenic Route 100 Byway signs
9. Hosted a Trip to China on 3/26 with 8 travelers.



10. Held a Legislative breakfast on January 6 with VT Chamber
11. Hosted 6 educational programs including a co-sponsored lending panel
12. Co-sponsored our 4th Annual Business, Home & Energy Expo with SWCRPC

2013 Marketing Goals

1. Create a year-round 124 page Okemo Valley Regional Guidebook-distribution 50,000.
2. Enhance Service Section of book with tips for homeowners, and expanded sections for Towns and more.
3. Continue online co-ops using google adword & facebook campaigns around

targeted events

4. Help our members create packages that coincide with chamber promoted events
5. Continue mobile application presence – value added from Route802.biz
6. Create scavenger hunts throughout Plymouth, Weston, Chester, Ludlow for HOG event in August
7. Continue SEO (search engine optimization)
8. Hosting a Southern Vermont Home & Garden Show on April 6 & 7
9. Continue monthly online photo contest for 2014 calendar
10. Continue interest with other Chambers for a Chamber to Chamber exchange
11. Continue yearly Legislative trip to Montpelier
12. Continue to offer value added trips through our Travel with the Chamber Program. Trips in 2013 include Thailand & Hong Kong; Alaska, and New Mexico



2012 OVRCC Membership Accomplishments

1. Added 50 new members – reached 400 members!
2. Added 5 new member benefits
 - a. “Just Between Us” monthly email blasts
 - b. New website features: Member Spotlight and Welcome New Members
 - c. Education programs – plus co-hosted lending panel
 - d. Community outreach breakfasts
 - e. \$35 membership drive effective 11/12 – 4/13
3. Ribbon cuttings added to facebook and twitter



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass And Services Schedule

St. Patrick's in Wallingford

4:00 pm Christmas Eve

9:15 am Christmas Day

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Ludlow

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm & 9:00 pm

Christmas Day

9:00 am

&

Holy Name of Mary in Proctorsville

Christmas Eve Only

7:00 pm

&

Village Baptist Church in Belmont

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

7:00 pm

4. Held quarterly new member orientations
5. Completed wireless Ludlow e-vermont project

2013 Membership Goals:

1. Increase membership to 450 members.
\$35 referral program savings.
2. Add 5 new member benefits
 - a. Pay dues online feature
 - b. Prescription Drug program
 - c. Participate in Chamber Preferred
 - d. We can host your website on our server
 - e. Virtual learning for Business
3. Continue to add ribbon cuttings to facebook & twitter
4. Continue quarterly member orientations
5. Continue educational programs
6. Continue “Just Between Us” monthly e-mail blasts
7. Continue community outreach breakfasts in different towns
8. Continue to provide resources and introductions for members with regards to financing; SBDC, Workforce Development, Economic Development, and State officials

**Chit Chat Deadline
For January Issue
Is Wednesday
December 19th at 6 pm**

Coping with Grief during the Holidays

RAVNAH Hospice is offering a grief workshop on Wednesday, December 12, from 12 to 1:30-pm at Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice, 7 Albert Cree Dr, Rutland. The workshop presents coping strategies and helpful suggestions on how to make it through the holidays and even enjoy them. Call Ann LaRocque at 770-1516 to register.

Holiday Ornament Sale Benefits Hospice

The Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice is selling holiday ornaments originally designed by Vermont artists Carol Krochak and Mark Kilburn of Horizon Porcelain. The hand-crafted, glazed porcelain ornaments may be personalized in memory of anyone you choose.

Available for purchase are a porcelain house for \$14, Dove for \$12 and a Heart for \$9. Proceeds from the ornament sales will benefit RAVNAH's hospice program which provides care and support for people with a life-limiting illness, enabling them to live as fully and comfortably as possible. Call RAVNAH Hospice at 802.770.1514 for an order form or more information.

Hospice Hosts Memorial Service

The Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) will host their annual *Tree of Remembrance* Tree Lighting Ceremony and Memorial Service on Tuesday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin Conference Center in Rutland. The Tree of Remembrance is a time for community members to gather with others to remember and honor someone who has died.

The service includes music by Trillium, RAVNAH's Hospice chorus and harpist Florence Boutwell; reflections by RAVNAH staff, clergy and caregivers; and the reading of names of this year's hospice patients and other community members.

If you plan to attend and would like to have a name read at the service, please call 802.770.1516. RAVNAH's Hospice program advocates quality end-of-life care for terminally ill patients and their families.

Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice

Blood Pressure & Foot Care Clinics For December

The Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice is offering the following Blood Pressure and Foot Care Clinics. There is a suggested donation of \$2 for blood pressure and \$5 for foot care. For more information please call 775-0568.

| Day | Date | Town | Site | Time |
|-----------|----------|-------------|-------------------|----------|
| Wednesday | 12/5/12 | Wallingford | Wallingford House | 10:30 am |
| Thursday | 12/6/12 | Rutland | Parker House | 10:00 am |
| Thursday | 12/6/12 | Rutland | Bardwell House | 12:30 pm |
| Wednesday | 12/26/12 | Rutland | Godnick Center | 12:30 pm |

GOT CHOLESTEROL?

The Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) is offering a comprehensive cardiovascular / cholesterol health risk screening, including total lipid profile and blood glucose at the RAVNAH office on 7 Albert Cree Drive, in Rutland on Wednesday, December 5 beginning at 8:30 AM. Please call (802) 775-0568 in advance for an appointment.

The total lipid profile is a group of tests to determine risk of coronary heart disease. The blood glucose test screens for diabetes.

The complete lipid profile requires 8 – 12 hour fast prior to the test to ensure accurate results. The cost for a complete lipid profile and glucose is \$30.

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